Equalisation Account under Para 17 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order. The final figure of the amount due is being worked out.

(d) to (f) Yes Sir. The process of determining the amount is a comprehensive one and requires detailed verification of record relating to purchases, prices of such purchases and utilisation etc. The process of recovery in on in accordance with due procedure of law. As the verification of records is a time consuming process, the recovery takes time. It is not possible to indicate the exact time limit by when recovery will be completed.

**Review under DPCO**

1467. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drug companies who applied for review under para 27 of Drugs Price Control Order 1979 against price fixation order since 1979;

(b) how many cases have been disposed of upto 31st January, 1987 and how many cases of review are still pending alongwith the details of each;

(c) by when the pending review petitions will be finalised;

(d) how many companies were not satisfied with the decision of review petitions and how many went to various courts alongwith name of each company, drug formulation and price fixed and being charged today;

(e) what is the date of filing of each petition in courts and how many are still pending alongwith the detailed position of each; and

(f) what steps Government have taken to expedite the decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Government has fixed/revised prices of about 15,000 formulation since the commencement of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 and many companies applied for review against these decisions. To the extent possible, review petitions have been disposed of and some are pending due to procedural hurdles like court judgements, long process involved in the scrutiny of the claims made by the companies and their insistence on personal hearing and reconsideration even after disposal. Efforts are being made to dispose of the petitions expeditiously.

(d) to(f) Information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

**Incentives to Chemical Industry**

1468. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give some incentives to chemical industry in the country to undertake modernisation programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) In order to promote technological upgradation and modernisation of industries including Chemical Industries, a Technical Development Fund already exists to provide foreign exchange assistance. No fresh proposal is under consideration.

**Hike in drug prices**

1469. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government announced a hike in the prices of essential drugs during December, 1986;